

Title: Substitutions for Approved Foods

Purpose

Approved WIC foods are chosen for reasons specific to supplemental nutrition for women, infants and children.

Authority

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Policy

The retailer may provide only the approved supplemental foods listed on the WIC benefit.

- I. Rain checks, or credit slips for food purchased with WIC benefits, are not allowed.**
- II. Participants may not exchange WIC foods for non-WIC foods, for other WIC foods, for cash or for credit.**
- III. WIC participants are not allowed to purchase larger sizes of a WIC food than specified on their WIC benefits and pay the price differential.**
- IV. Retailers may exchange a WIC food for another WIC food of the same category on a one-to-one basis if the item is recalled, defective, spoiled or outdated.**
- V. Retailers may exchange a WIC formula for another WIC formula of the same type on a one-to-one basis if the item is recalled, defective, spoiled or outdated.**
- VI. Retailers may not exchange a previously purchased formula for another type of formula. Participants must be referred to the WIC clinic.**